#### Premier Refuse and Recycling Collection Program for the 21st Century



Pacific Waste in partnership with the City of Chula Vista



# 2001 Diversion Programs - Single Family

#### Source Separated 3 stream

- Bottles and Cans 18 gal. curbside container
- Newspapers and magazines Bundled
- Cardboard Bundled

#### Positive Observations

Residents were educated in acceptable recyclable material

#### Negative Observations

- Inconvenient to residents
- Recycling containers had limited capacity
- Litter Problems
- Appearance



# Goals for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Collection Program in Chula Vista

- Increase Diversion 34% to 50%
- Easier and More Convenient Service for Residents
- Improve City Appearance
- Provide Safer Environment for Residents and Employees
- Reduce Vehicle Emissions
- Reduce Insects and Vermin

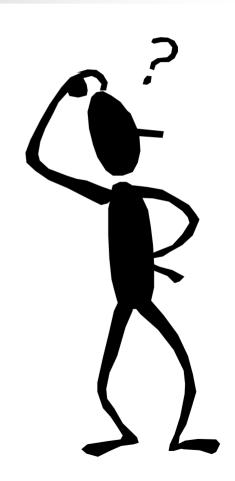


# What We Wanted To Do To Meet The Goals

- Variable Rate Pricing
- "Single Stream" Recycling
- Automated Trash and Recycling Collection
- Biodiesel

# Single Stream Recycling

- City concerns
  - Revenue
    - Increased processing costs would not be offset by increased volume
    - Contamination would increase and lower the quality of recyclables
  - Change would confuse the residents
  - Residents would not have room for the carts



## Variable Trash Rate Pricing

- Resident's rates are based on trash cart sizes
  - 96 Gallon \$17.05
  - 64 Gallon \$14.50
  - **32** Gallon \$11.19
- No additional charge for recycling or yard waste



## Single Stream Recycling

- Residents received a blue 96 gallon cart (optional 64 or 32 gallon)
  - More convenient for resident
  - No more sorting recyclables into 3 streams
  - Increased capacity



# Single Stream Recycling

- Education, Education, Education
  - Meetings
    - With the public every week for 3 months
    - Civic groups
    - City staff
    - Schools
    - Condos and HOAs
  - Mailers
  - Newspaper ads
  - Brochures
  - Answering phone calls (1500+ P/Day)



#### **Automated Service - Carts**

- Improves City Appearance
  - Carts provide a uniform look on the streets
  - No more battered trash cans
  - No more over full trash cans
  - No more multi-colored trash cans

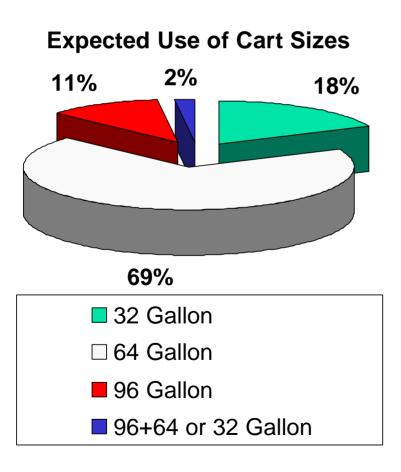


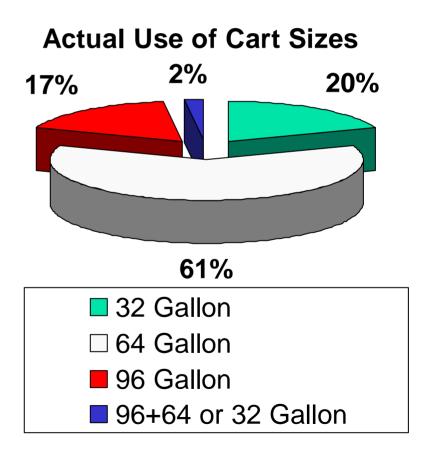
### **Automated Service - Collection**

- Safer for employees
  - No more lifting of heavy cans
  - Reduced chance of personal injury
- Excellent forward vision
  - Cart dumped in front of driver
  - Driver can see cart contamination
  - Easier to operate in tight locations
- Quieter Service
  - Equipment operates at idle
  - Less engine noise
  - Less hydraulic noise



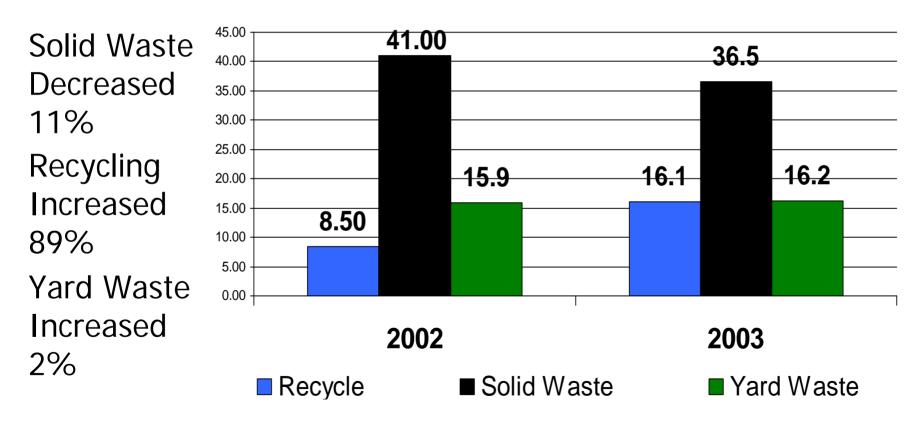
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# Solid Waste and Recycling Weekly Average Pounds per Home



### Reduce Emissions - Bio-diesel

- Converted entire fleet to 20% Biodiesel mixture
  - Alternative fuel derived from soy beans
- 46% opacity reduction fleet wide
- Estimated reduction of 500 tons of pollutants annually



### **Proceed with Caution**

- Expect a LARGE amount of phone calls no matter how much public education you provide
- Keep the education simple (KISS system)
- Have a good plan for delivering new carts
- Initially new routes and old routes should be run together

